

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: : ***Amendment After Final***  
James Edward Delves, et al. : ***Expedited Procedure Requested***  
Serial No.: 10/535,379 :  
Filed: April 4, 2006 : Group Art Unit: 3652  
For: APPARATUS FOR TRANSFER- : Examiner: Jonathan D. Snelting  
RING SETTLED OR SUSPENDED : Confirmation No. 7200  
SOLIDS FROM AN OPEN VESSEL : Docket No.: DPS-030805 PET-1011US  
INTO A CLOSED VESSEL : Date: March 10, 2011

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action dated December 13, 2010 setting a three-month statutory period for response, expiring March 13, 2011, which falls on a Sunday, please enter the following amendment.

Amendments to the claims begin on the next page.

Remarks begin on page 7.

Because this Amendment is being submitted within the shortened statutory period for response and because no new claims over and above those previously paid for are submitted, the Applicants do not believe that any additional fee is necessary. Nevertheless, if the Examiner finds an additional fee is necessary to enter this Amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fee to Mossman, Kumar & Tyler P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-4920 (DPS-030805 PET-1011US).